CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to send a delegation of Indian farmers to TELAVIV in Israel where an international exhibition on agriculture named 'Agritech Spring' 1993 is scheduled to be held from the 2nd to 6th May, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main features of exhibition; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) There is no such scheme during Eighth Five Year Plan for sending farmers outside the country.

Green Revolution

1373. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to revive the Green Revolution and extend it to the other Crops and Regions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Government have been implementing various crop oriented programmes for increasing the foodgrains production. Most of these programmes from 1992-93 have been extended to all the districts of the States for increasing the production of specific crop. Incentives are being provided to the farmers through these schemes for use of critical inputs to motivate them to adopt improved crop production technology. Besides, under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research location specific high yielding improved varieties and technology innovation for various agroclimatic regions of the country are being developed.

Damage Caused by Natural Calamiies in Kerala

1374. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has urged the Central Government to get World Bank approval for the reconstruction and rehabilitation project for finding permanent solution to the damages caused by natural calamities in the state; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Government of Kerala have prepared a Flood Reconstruction' Project for World Bank assistance. The goals and objectives of the Project are to provide a long term solution to the ravages caused by the recurring floods in the State. The Project envisages an outlay of Rs. 4107.20 crores and is proposed to be implemented in five years. It will cover sectors like agriculture, housing, irrigation' rural development, power and electricity, roads and bridges, fisheries, water supply, health services etc.

The Project proposal is being processed for posing it to the World Bank for assistance.